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HIGH SCHOOL HELD COMMENCEMENT LAST EVENING

Hall Filled to Capacity When Graduation Program is Given

EIGHTEEN RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Six More Will Receive Diplomas in December—Music and Addresses Meet Frequent Applause.

For eighteen local boys and girls, high school is a thing of memory. Commencement—or the finish—took place in high school hall last evening. Before an audience of proud parents and interested friends which packed the auditorium to the aisles, corridors and steps, the graduating program passed off without an incident to mark the event of their day.

The exercises should have been held in the opera house. The school hall was grossly inadequate to handle the large crowd. This was realized almost a half hour before the high school orchestra began the overture which opened the exercises. The graduating class was composed of Miss Hilda I. Hurley, Miss Mary Elizabeth Hutton, Miss Abbie C. Little, Miss Julia Jane Little, Miss Hazel F. Levin, Miss Ruth D. Mason, Miss Marjorie E. Peckham, Miss Beatrice L. Randles, Miss Hilda A. M. Walquist, Miss Rose E. Warren, Miss Marion L. Beecher, Miss Agnes M. Bentley, Miss Donald A. Berard, Miss Irene M. Berard, Miss Hildred H. Burnham, Miss Velma G. Elwell, Miss Anna M. Finlan, Miss Dorothy E. Hathaway, Miss Emily J. Hathaway, Miss Willa M. Holmes, Edward H. Jenney, G. Spencer Lee, T. Kenneth Pauley and Edward F. Horst.

They marched up the center aisle by couples during the playing of the opening piece by the high school orchestra. They separated in front of the stage, one file going to the platform at the left side and one at the right. Supt. A. W. Varney, Principal F. D. Mabrey and Rev. W. G. Toward also took seats upon the platform. All of the girls were gowned in white and the tableau of the stage arrangement of the class on a platform banked with daisies and swan-flag and lighted by the high school system of indirect lighting, made an exceptional pretty and unusual picture.

Following invocation by Rev. W. G. Toward, Miss Ruth Dean Mason opened the program of commencement essays and addresses by a paper on "Glimpses of Japanese Life." She spoke very distinctly and with excellent enunciation. Her essay touched on various phases of life in the land of the Cherry blossom, dress, family life and marriage. She was heavily applauded. Thomas Kenneth Pauley next offered a fifteen minute address on the opportunities of Vermont, under the caption, "Where Vermont Comes In." Starting with a cursory history of the state he discussed at length the industries in which the commonwealth stands paramount. The apple industry, the dairy industry, forestry and farming received brief attention, the speaker emphasizing that the present graduating class would have these problems before them and that the rising generation would be responsible for their solution.

The speaking was interspersed with vocal and instrumental music. Miss Agnes May Bentley rendering a solo, "Lullaby Time," accompanied by the orchestra. She possesses a clear sweet soprano voice and she was enthusiastically applauded.

Miss Marion Lena Beecher read a paper on "Folk we Touch in Passing," both in life and in books. She traced various characters in classical fiction, particularly in Stevenson's books and compared them to various characters found in real life. Her essay was a call to the appreciation of books and was well received.

"All for Two Cents" was the title of an essay on newspapers and news paper-making given by Miss Irene Mary Berard. She called attention to the limited news facilities of a century ago as contrasted with those of today. She mentioned the various factors entering into the creation of the modern newspaper. Among them she recited the various press associations, feature writers, highly paid editorial staffs composed of specialists, of advertising men and advertising agencies. Her contention was that the average person who pays two cents for a newspaper fails to appreciate the value he is receiving for his money.

G. Spencer Lee, accompanied by the orchestra, gave a tenor solo: "Evening Brings Rest and You," which received much applause. He was followed by Principal F. D. Mabrey who took the opportunity to explain the names on the programs which had been distributed at the doors. He stated that Miss Mary E. Hutton, Miss Hazel F. Levin, Miss Ruth D. Mason, Miss Beatrice L. Randles, Miss Marion L. Beecher, Miss Irene M. Berard entered in December, 1915 and

DEATH OF EDNA LOFTUS

Former London Music Hall Favorite Dies in Want.

San Francisco, June 17.—Edna Loftus, one-time favorite of the London music halls, was buried yesterday, in Cypress Lawn cemetery. Suffering from tuberculosis, she had been taken several days ago to the City and County hospital, where she died. Since her divorce from Harry A. Rheinstrom, son of a wealthy Cincinnati brewer, in 1914, she had made her home in San Francisco. Learning of her death, friends intervened to prevent burial in potter's field.

MISS CARPENTER'S SCHOOL

Closing Exercises An Observance of Flag Day.

The Maude L. Carpenter school observed Flag Day by entertaining parents and friends with a program not alone patriotic, but including much regular class work.

The exercises were held in the school yard and were opened with the raising of a fine flag, given to the school by three pupils, Elizabeth Shields, Waldo Holden and Hamilton Shields, who enter our high school next fall.

All the pupils, Elizabeth Shields, Waldo Holden, Hamilton Shields, Markee McAdoo, George Graves, Elizabeth Rockwood, Frances Holden, Charles Bennett, Van Vechten Graves, Richard Holden, Tirzah Ayres, Jane Gilmer, Helen Cushman, Betsy Gilmer, Mary Louise Packard, Elizabeth Cushman and McCullough Turner took part in songs, poems and class recitations. All the work, since Easter, of each pupil was exhibited and was pronounced most complete and of very high order. Especial praise was given to the maps, both drawn and modeled in clay, by George Graves, Markee McAdoo and Elizabeth Rockwood. Very fine individual collections of leaves, flowers and birds were contributed by Helen Cushman, Elizabeth Rockwood, Markee McAdoo, Waldo Holden and Hamilton Shields.

Yesterday, the school completed its twelfth year.

BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL

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Chicago 7, Boston 4.
Detroit 4, Philadelphia 3.
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Standing of the Clubs
Won. Lost. P. C.
Cleveland 32 19 .628
Washington 27 23 .540
Detroit 28 24 .538
New York 25 23 .521
Boston 26 25 .510
Chicago 24 25 .489
St. Louis 22 28 .440
Philadelphia 15 32 .319

National League
Boston 2, Pittsburgh 0.
Other games, rain.

Standing of the Clubs
Won. Lost. P. C.
Brooklyn 28 16 .636
Philadelphia 27 19 .587
New York 24 21 .529
Chicago 22 25 .469
Boston 22 27 .448
Cincinnati 22 27 .448
Pittsburgh 21 27 .438
St. Louis 21 31 .404

SHAFTSBURY

After June 15th the Lake Shaftsbury Inn and Bungalows will be open for business. Sunday dinners will be a feature. Large or small parties accommodated. Telephone, Arlington Tel. 34-21.

will receive their diplomas December 1916, under normal conditions. As there would be no formal graduating exercises in the coming December, they participated in the program of the evening. Principal Mabrey also stated that the class had departed somewhat from their usual program. Because of the prize which Rev. Thornon F. Turner had given for the best essay on "The Value of the Cultural Studies in Education," the prize winning article would be read by its author, Miss Marion Hathaway, although Miss Hathaway was not a member of the class. Miss Hathaway followed Mr. Mabrey's introduction with the prize essay. The article is an exceptional piece of work and Miss Hathaway's clear and concise delivery doubled its strength.

Edward B. Jenney, president of the class, began his valedictory address by a ten-minute discussion of the forests of Vermont and the shameful manner in which the great trees that once covered the Green Mountains had been slaughtered by thoughtless lumbering interests. In the center of the talk he switched cleverly to the interest which graduating students all over the state must take in this and similar problems and closed with the presentation of written tribute of the class to the school faculty and citizens who made the school system possible.

President Jenney's address closed the program of speaking. The high school orchestra played a selection, after which Supt. Varney made distribution of the diplomas. The audience remained seated while the class retired from the platform. The students adjourned to the Cocked Hat Tea House and had luncheon. During their absence high school hall was cleared of chairs. A large number were present at the dance which followed, among them several alumni of previous years.

WILSON PLATFORM GOES THROUGH AT ST. LOUIS

Suffrage Plank Narrowly Escaped Rejection By the Builders

UNDERWOOD TARIFF ENDORSED

Affirmation of Monroe Doctrine and Policy Toward Mexico Greeted With Prolonged Applause.

St. Louis, June 17.—Vance McCormick was today elected chairman of the national democratic committee, after a six hour fight by members who objected to the selection of a chairman from outside the committee.

St. Louis, Mo., June 17.—The democratic national convention finished its work yesterday by adopting the party platform exactly as approved by President Wilson and submitted by the resolution committee including the plan on Americanism and that favoring woman suffrage, but not until the harmony of its three days' sessions had been disturbed with a row over the suffrage plank. No voice was raised against the vigorous declarations of the Americanism plank, but at one time it looked as if the suffrage plank would be lost. After Senator Walsh of Montana had told the convention that President Wilson himself considered it vital to party success, however, it was voted into the platform by a ballot of 888 1-2 to 181 1-2. The entire platform then was adopted without roll-call.

As it went into the platform the suffrage plank stands: "We favor the extension of the franchise to the women of this country, state by state, on the same terms as to the men." The woman suffrage leaders considered it a much more favorable declaration than they got from the republican convention at Chicago.

The fight on the suffrage plank broke immediately after the presentation of the minority report against the administration plank.

In an impatient speech Senator Walsh swept aside the smaller questions which had been injected into the fight, and told the delegates that President Wilson himself knew the plank was in the platform and considered it essential for party victory.

While the fight had been going on, a thunderstorm burst, and when the row on the convention floor was at its height the storm reached its climax. The booming of the thunder, mixed with the roaring shouts on the floor and the clatter caused by the rain on the roof, almost drowned out the speakers. The storm cleared just as Senator Walsh finished speaking, and the closing words of his plea for the administration plank swept a change of sentiment over the crowd as welcome to the suffragists as the wave of cool, refreshing air that poured down into the Coliseum.

In the reading of the platform indorsement of the Underwood tariff act given general applause. The delegates seemed too weary to interrupt with prolonged applause. The much-discussed plank on Americanism, drawn by President Wilson himself, was next read. It was interrupted by handclapping. Its denunciation of conspirators for the advancement of foreign influence in this country was roundly applauded. Declarations for military preparedness were also uniformly applauded.

The Latin American policy plank got some applause but more greeted the Mexican plank and frequently interrupted its reading, especially the reaffirmation of the Monroe doctrine. The assertion that American troops should be kept in Mexico until danger of raids subsided, was loudly applauded. The assertion that intervention is a "last recourse" received applause but generous approval was given to the "indorsement of the president's attempt to prevent intervention. After concluding the Mexican plank Senator Walsh was "spelled" as Senator Stone characterized it, in the reading of the platform, by Senator Hollis. When the woman suffrage plank was reached the galleries started a demonstration. Prolonged cheers, applause, and whistling followed its reading, emphasized by Senator Hollis. The suffrage plank got more of a demonstration from the men than it did from the women.

The reading of the platform was finished at 1:20. There were cheers and the band struck up again. Chairman Stone then moved the adoption of the platform as read. There were some cries of "Vote it down!" There were other cries of "Shut up!" Martin M. Lomasney, a Massachusetts delegate, objected to the adoption. After a wrangle Senator Stone yielded to Lomasney 10 minutes of his time.

It turned out that Lomasney wanted to put in a plank to express the sympathy of the convention with "the people of Ireland." "Raus mit ihm!" roared a Maryland delegate. The convention rocked with laughter. "Big

PLAYGROUND OPENS MONDAY

Season to Start With the Organization of Self-Government Club.

To all the children who have been so anxiously inquiring, notice is hereby given that the Playground will open Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Owing to the rainy weather, it has been found quite difficult to get the grounds in proper condition and have the apparatus painted and repaired, however, by Monday, everything will be in readiness and the Playground staff will be on hand to greet the happy children. Chauncey Mann, just graduated from Springfield college, will be there to organize the boys' baseball leagues, and coach all of the boys' activities in general. Miss Kathryn Dunham will play with the little folks and supervise the hand work, while Miss Mathilde Vossler will take charge of the girls, as usual.

It is hoped that every child and young person in Bennington who expects to use the Playground in any way this summer, will be present on Monday so that a complete registration of names may be obtained at this time. At 3 o'clock there will be a general assembly to elect officers of the new Playground council which is to be formed this year. This season will surely be better than ever on the playground and no child will want to miss any of the fun, so be sure to plan to start right in at the beginning. In case of rain, the opening will be held on Tuesday.

Roland Joseph Taylor—A Tribute

In the fall of 1904, I opened a law office in the savings bank building of this town. Dating from about this time, my acquaintance with Roland J. Taylor began, and I soon came to count him as one of my best friends. The friendship continued until his death. During all these years, with the joys and sorrows incident thereto, few have been the days that I have missed his ever cordial greeting. When the snows of winter piled high upon the roadway, or its surface became a glare of ice, we rested content as we rode by the side of our friend, whom we well knew to be not only a skilled horseman, but expert reinsman.

A few years ago, "A guest came to the home of our friend, a quiet individual. There were days and weeks when shadows gathered about the home he loved so well, and his physical condition caused great anxiety. Then, there came days when the silent messenger seemed farther away, and our friend was about his business as usual. There were those who attributed as by their kindly and cheery ways, and who are ever loyal in their friendship. Mr. Taylor, when sorely tried could speak plainly, but it was always in your presence, no poison shaft of malice came from his lips to strike you in the back. Within that rugged frame beat a heart as kind and tender as that of a little child. In his business career he was attentive and honorable in all his dealings. Many are living in our town, who for nearly three decades patronized Mr. Taylor. His home was his castle, and as a loving husband and father his name will be tenderly cherished.

Since the new year came, "The Reaper," has been busy in our vicinity, and the harvest has been unusually abundant. Mr. Taylor's funeral, on Wednesday last, was largely attended. The impressive Episcopal service over, with the sweet rendering of the exquisite hymn, "Lead Kindly Light," still ringing in our ear, with the sunlight of the lovely June afternoon streaming into the attractive church interior, we looked for the last time, upon the face of our old time friend, realizing that

"This is not our place of resting,"
Our's a City, yet to come,
Onward to it we are hastening—
On to our Eternal Home.

John V. D. S. Merrill.

SI' Cummings of Maryland moved that Mr. Lomasney's resolution be referred to the resolution committee and chairman James so ruled.

After chairman James had declared the platform adopted former Representative Palmer of Pennsylvania presented the resolution providing uniform rules for election of national committee. It was adopted. Mr. Palmer then moved that the convention adjourn without day, and upon a voice vote Chairman Jones at 3:11 p. m. banged his gavel for the finale. The delegates rushed for the exits and fled out to the strains of "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

THERE WILL BE WAR IF PERSHING GOES FURTHER SOUTH

Gen. Trevino Warns Commander of American Forces in Mexico

BACK DOOR ALONE IS OPEN

Every Route Closed to Primitive Expedition Except the Way Home to the United States.

Chihuahua, June 17.—Gen. Jacinto Trevino, commanding the Carranza army of the north, yesterday advised Gen. J. J. Pershing, American expeditionary commander, that any movement of American troops in the south, east or west would be considered a hostile act and a signal to commence warfare. Gen. Trevino acted upon specific instructions from Carranza.

The only new development in the Laredo situation, as shown by overnight dispatches to Gen. Funston's headquarters in San Antonio, Tex., was Gen. Ricaut's action in ordering 1000 de facto government troops into the territory opposite San Ignacio to pursue hands who attacked American troops. In notifying United States military officials of the step, Ricaut expressed regret that the attack had been made, and gave warning that if American troops crossed the border Carranza forces would attack.

All American troops stationed in El Paso, Tex., and its environs were ordered to quarters last night, to be held under arms until further notice. The orders followed reports to military headquarters that placards printed in Spanish had been posted in Juarez, instructing citizens to gather at designated points daily to receive military instruction so that they may be prepared to repel possible invasion. The notice was signed by Jesus Valdez, a private citizen, who said he wished his people to "be prepared in the event of a break with the United States."

Dispatches from Chihuahua City that Gen. Trevino had notified Gen. Pershing that any movement of his command other than in a northerly direction would be construed as a hostile act, aroused no apprehension among army officials at El Paso, Tex., last night. It was asserted that the expeditionary command is amply prepared to care for itself in any eventuality.

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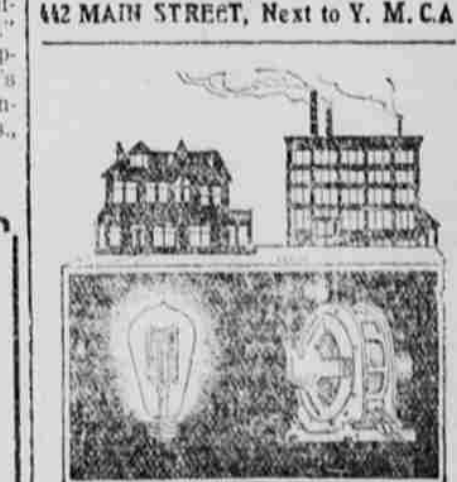
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